AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): An optical member comprising an at least one optical film, wherein ~~an end face of the at least one optical film is covered with water-repellent materials~~ the optical film comprises a polarizing plate and at least an end face of the polarizing plate is covered with a water-repellent material having a thickness of from 0.001 to 0.5 μm.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended): The optical member according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~optical film comprises a~~ polarizing plate ~~including~~ includes a polarizer made of polyvinyl alcohol as a main material and at least an end face of the polarizer is covered with a water-repellent material.

4. (Original): The optical member according to Claim 1, wherein the water-repellent material is of fluorine materials.

5. (Original): A method for producing the optical member according to Claim 1, comprising a step of: die-cutting an optical film with a cutting blade onto which is beforehand coated by a water-repellent material so that the water-repellent material is attached onto an end face of the optical film simultaneously with die-cutting to form a covering layer.

6. (Original): An adhesive optical member comprising an adhesive layer at least on one side of the optical member according to Claim 1.

7. (Original): An image viewing display using at least one of the optical member according to Claim 1.

8. (Original): An image viewing display using at least one of the adhesive optical member according to Claim 6.

9. (New): An optical film according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the water-repellent material is from 0.001 to 0.2 μm.

10. (New): An optical film according to claim 9, wherein the water-repellent material covers an end face but not main faces of the polarizing plate.

11. (New): An optical film according to claim 1, wherein the water-repellent material covers an end face but not main faces of the polarizing plate.